McIlvoy Building 200 block on West Main St., Danville, Kentucky.

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McILVOY BUILDING Danville, Boyle County Kentucky

Owner: Bluegrass Garage

Date of erection: Before February 19, 1806

Builder: Daniel McIlvoy

Architect: Probably the elder Robert Russel, father of the planner of

many mansions and public buildings in Danville, Robert Jr.

Additional data:

Daniel McIlvoy came to Danville about 1797 and erected this building to serve both as a store and as a residence.

"The McIlvoys lived here and conducted their store until 1833 when financial reverses caused it to pass under the hammer. Several years later the Branch Bank of Kentucky acquired it, and conducted its affairs until the late sixties or early seventies of the last century.

"The Bank cashier and his family occupied the two upper stories as a residence. And here it was that his wife, Mrs. Mildred A. Mitchell, was killed by a stray bullet fired during the skirmish between Pegram's command and that of the Union forces, March 26, 1863. The bullet passed through one of the upper floor windows. After killing Mrs. M. it also went through a negro girl, then lodged in the rear wall.

"This building later served as office and store rooms for a local carriage factory whose shops were in the rear. Its outward appearance has been little changed in the past 134 years. Front windows and the arrangement of the ground floor modern. Probably the original stairway ran through the house instead of the present 'lean-to.'"

--From a letter dated June 27, 1940, by Calvin Morgan Fackler, 850 West Lexington Street, Danville.

